

Application No. 10/039,344
Response to Office Action

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R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 10, 12 and 14-17 is respectfully acknowledged.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of (now canceled) claim 10, including the subject matter of (now canceled) intervening claim 9.

In addition, claims 14-16 have been amended to be rewritten in independent form to include all of the subject matter of their parent claim 1, and all intervening claims.

Still further, claims 1-8, 11, 12 and 14-18 have been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put them in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent. The informalities pointed out by the Examiner have been corrected.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered, and that the rejection under 35 USC 112 be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that amended independent claims 1 and 14-16, as well as claims 2-8, 11, 12, 17

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and 18 depending from claim 1, are now all in condition for immediate allowance.

THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to correct some minor informalities of which the undersigned has become aware. No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be approved and entered.

CLAIM FEE

The application now contains 15 claims, of which 4 are independent. Accordingly, a claim fee in the amount of \$200.00 for the addition of 1 extra independent claim is attached hereto. In addition, authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees which may be determined to be required to Account No. 06-1378.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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